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**COMMUNICATION TRANSMITTING VERIFIED STATEMENT  
(DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER  
37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) AND §1.27(c)**

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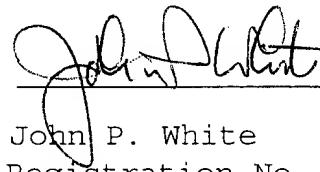
In support of the claim for small entity status, applicants submit herewith, as **Exhibit A**, a Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) and §1.27(c) signed by Michael J. Cleare, Ph.D., an authorized official of the assignee of the subject application, namely, The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York.

As indicated in the Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) and §1.27(c) all rights in this application are to a small entity.

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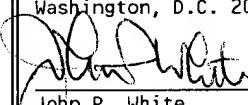
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